

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

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Lexington
ss 1874 Mass. Ave.

Cary Memorial Library

it use Public Library

t owner Town of Lexington

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1906

ce Worthen

Craftsman

Architect Willard Brown

Exterior wall fabric rough field stone

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features two stories; hip roof;

entrance at 45° angle to corner of inter-
section; rectangular bay projects (over)

Altered Addition Date 1975
Main entrance 1950's
Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street

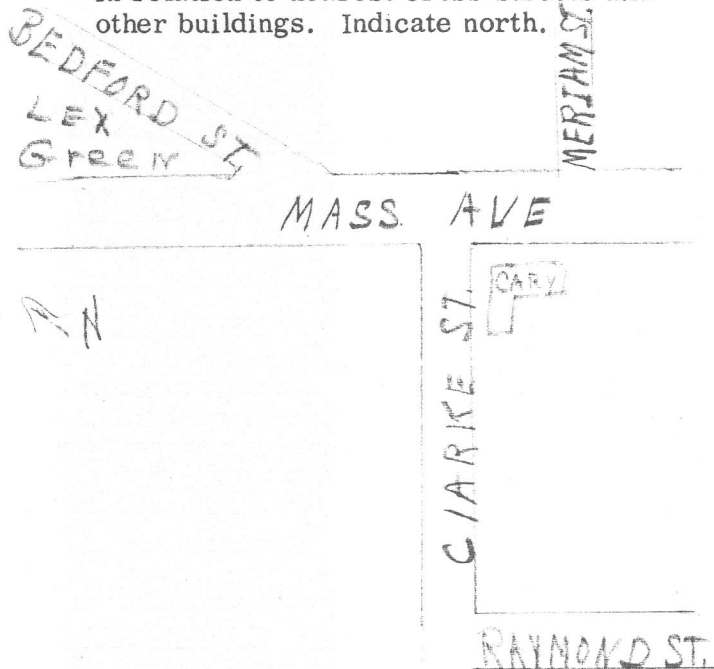
15'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date 12/75

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Town of Lexington

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	<u>x</u>	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	<u>x</u>	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Original gift, \$1000, from Maria Hastings Cary. Made in 1868 subsequent gifts 1870 (\$6000) & 1871 in her will (\$5000) to establish a library.

Alice Butler Cary, her adopted daughter, gave the present building in 1905, land partly given by other members of the family & partly purchased by the town.

Descrip cont: to left of door, with large window - single pane of glass flanked by narrower side lights, segmental fanlight over; wing facing Mass. Ave. has row of narrow vertical windows, first & 2nd floor. Verticality emphasized by plain bands linking two levels of windows.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Worthe, Ed. Calendar History of Lexington - p. 83, p. 106

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Town Lexington

Address 1874 Massachusetts Ave.

Name Cary Library

Present use public library

Present owner Town of Lexington

Description:

Date 1906

Source booklet, "A century of
Service 186 8-1968"

Style Craftsman Bungaloid

Architect Willard Brown

Exterior wall fabric stucco with entrance
of fieldstone boulders.

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features 1-story with low, hipped
roof, show rafters. Entrance on
canted corner of building. Wall clock
above entrance. 20 tall slender
vertical window openings on facade
Extensive remodelling by Kilham,
Altered Hopkins & Greeley Date 1956

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street
12'

6. Recorded by Harriet White

Organization MAPC

Date 8/1/78

(over)

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7. Original owner (if known) Town of Lexington

Original use public library

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Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

1949 - New wing completed

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"A Century of Service 1868-1968" publ. by Library Trustees in 1968